

NSF Core Mission: Fundamental Research

Strategic Goals

Strategic Plan for 2014 - 2018
Investing in Science, Engineering, and Education for the Nation's Future

Transform the Frontiers
Innovate for Society
Perform as a Model Organization

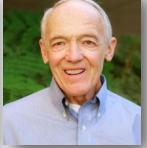
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Transforming and Innovating

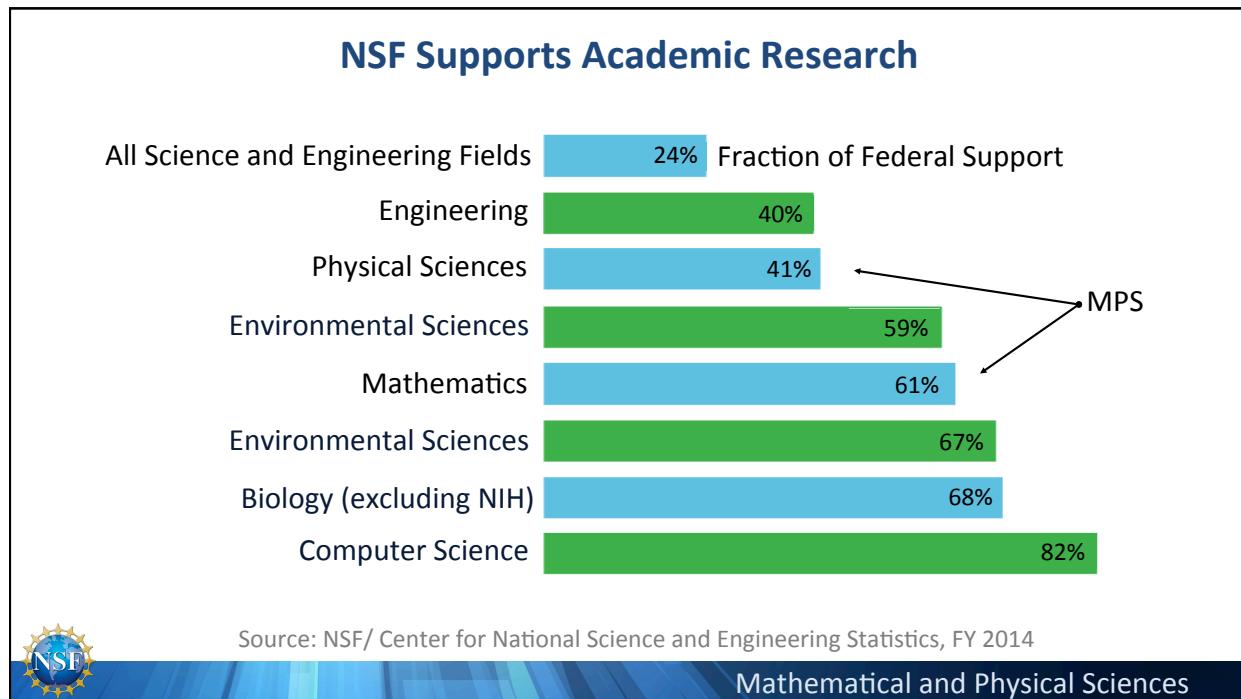
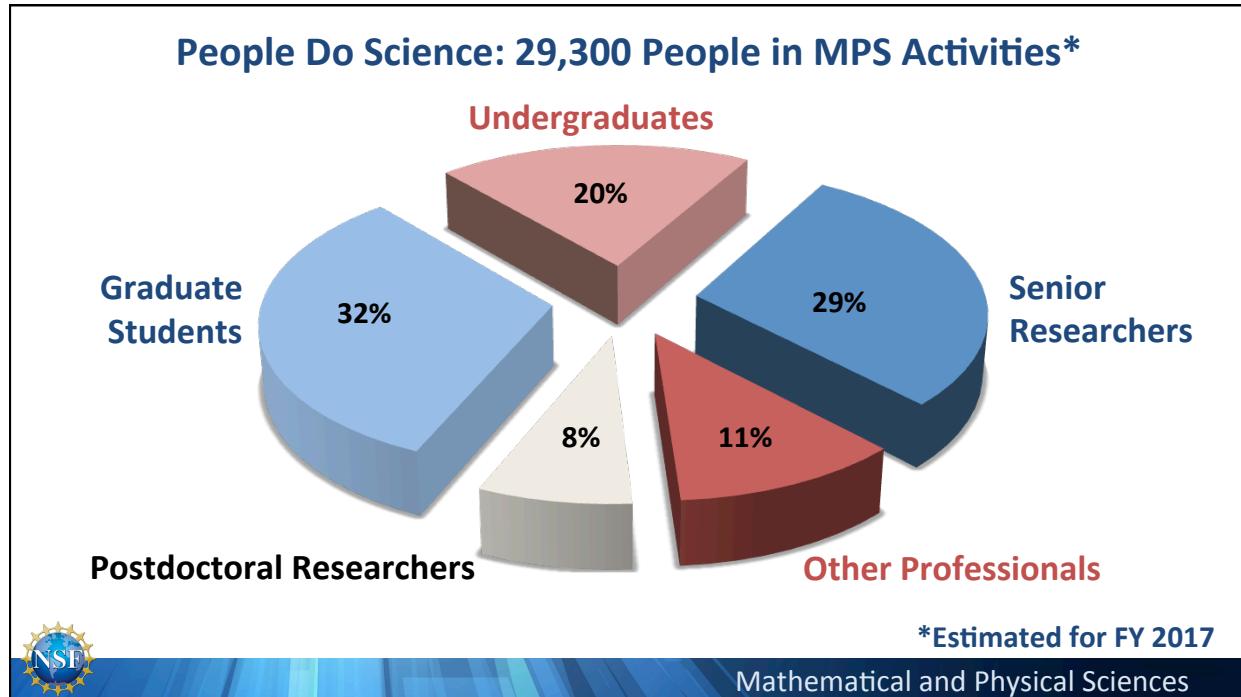
National Medal of Science

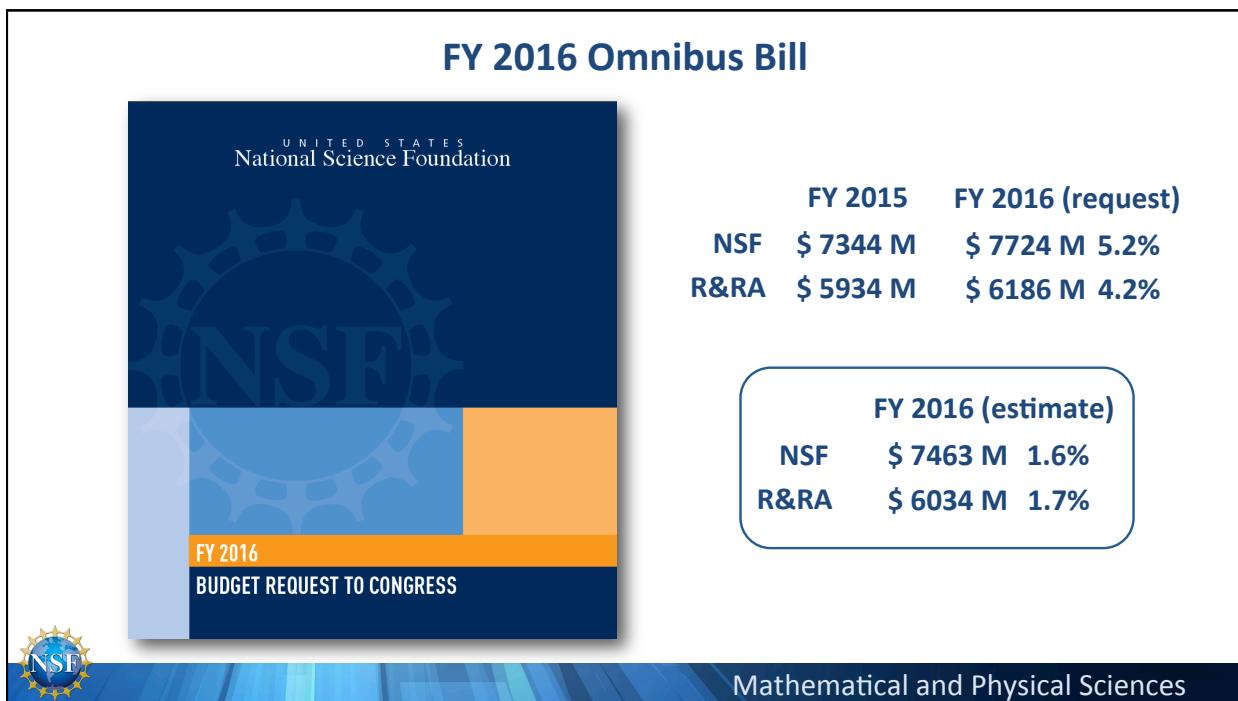
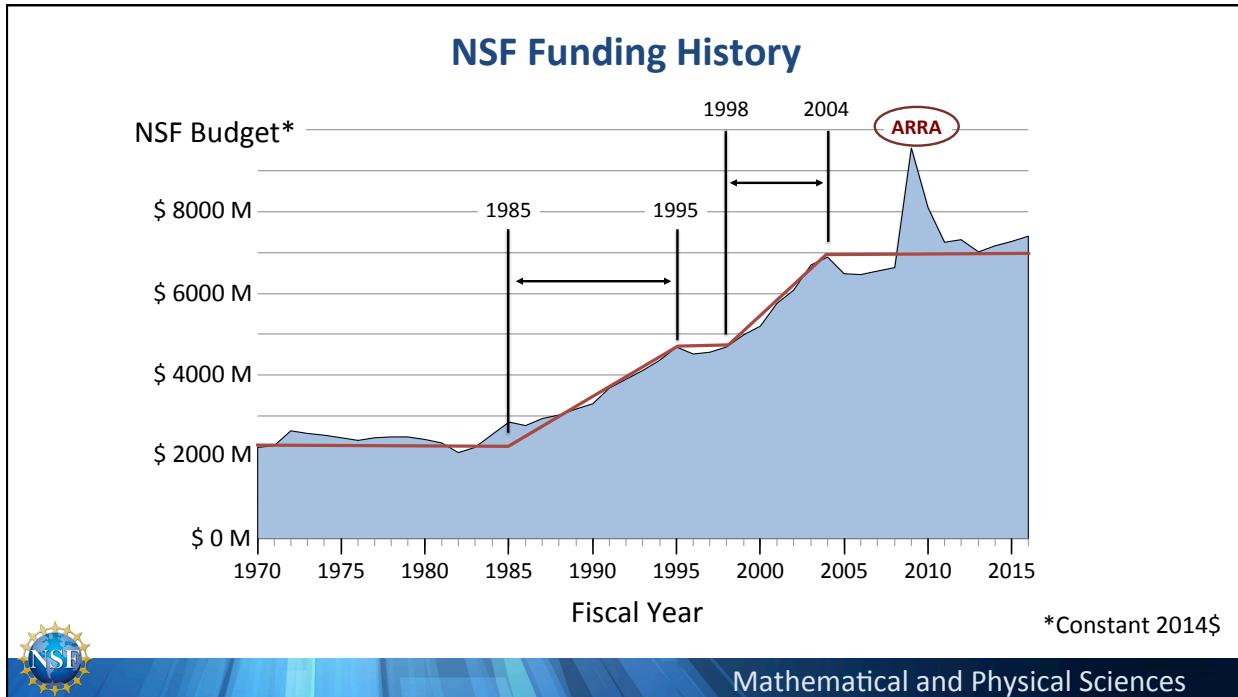
			
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National Medal of Technology and Innovation

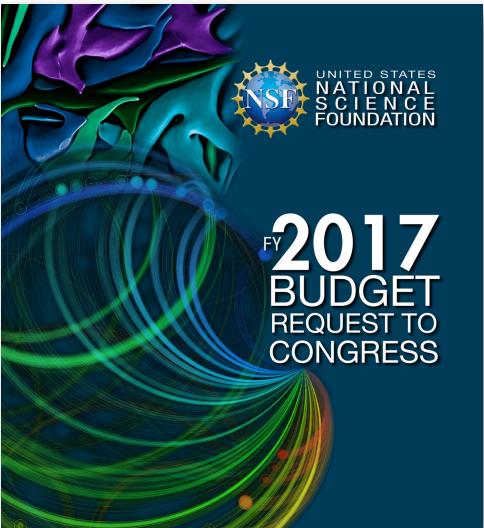
	
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The President's Request to Congress



	FY 2016 (Estimate)	FY 2017 (Total Request)	
NSF	\$ 7463 M	\$ 7964 M	6.7%
R&RA	\$ 6034 M	\$ 6425 M	6.5%
Two Components to R&RA			
Discretionary	\$ 6034 M	\$ 6079 M	0.8%
Mandatory*	--	\$ 346 M	--
Total	\$ 6034 M	\$ 6425 M	6.5%

*Direct spending (not subject to discretionary caps)
 One-year duration

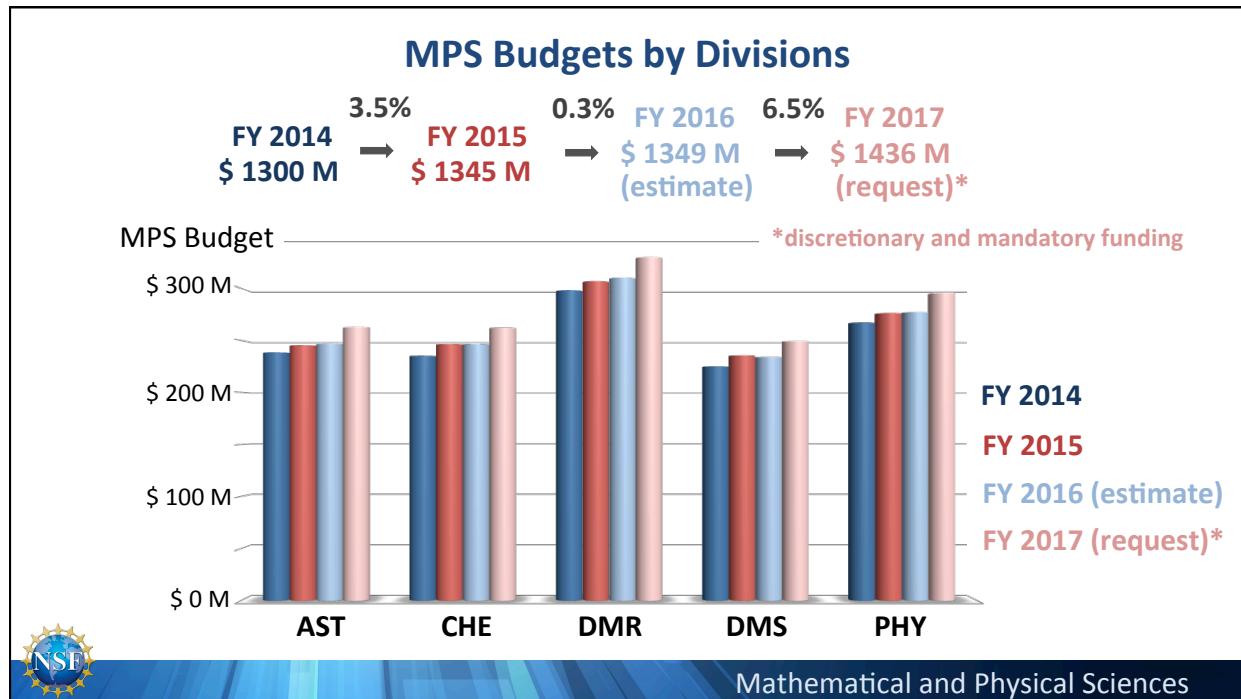
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FY 2017 Request by Appropriation

	FY 2016 Estimate	FY 2017 Discretionary		FY 2017 Mandatory	FY 2017 Total	
Research & Related Activities	\$ 6034	\$ 6079	0.8%	\$ 346	\$ 6425	6.5%
Education & Human Resources	880	899	2.1%	54	953	8.3%
Major Res Equip & Facilities Const.	200	193	-3.6%		193	-3.6%
Agency Operations & Award Mgmt.	330	373	13%		373	13%
National Science Board	4	4			4	
Office of the Inspector General	15	15			15	
Total NSF	\$ 7463	\$ 7564	1.3%	\$ 400	\$ 7964	6.7%

Totals may not add because of rounding (\$ in millions)

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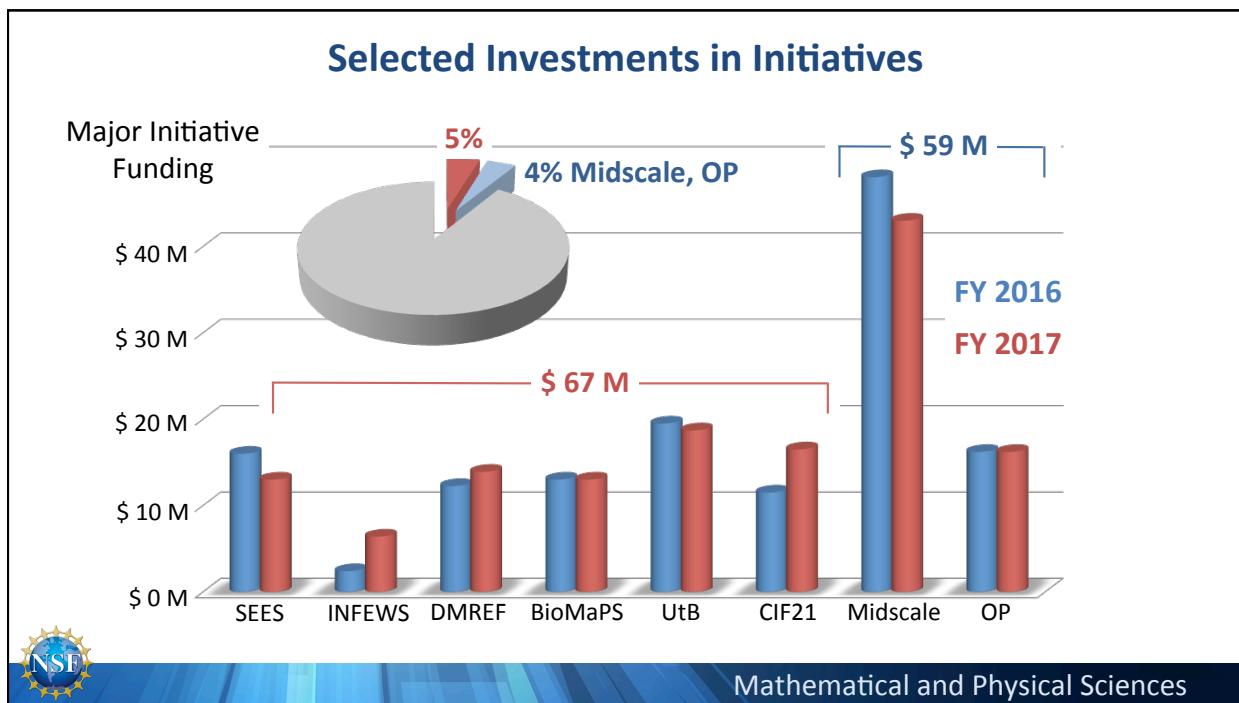
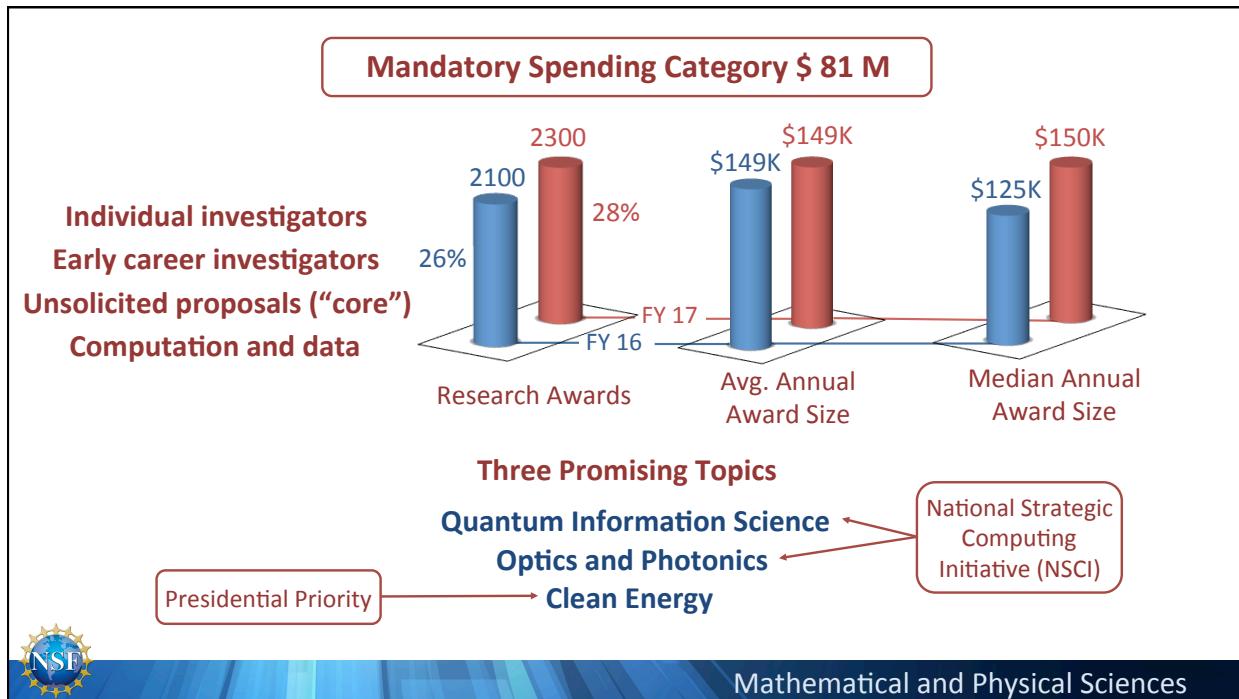


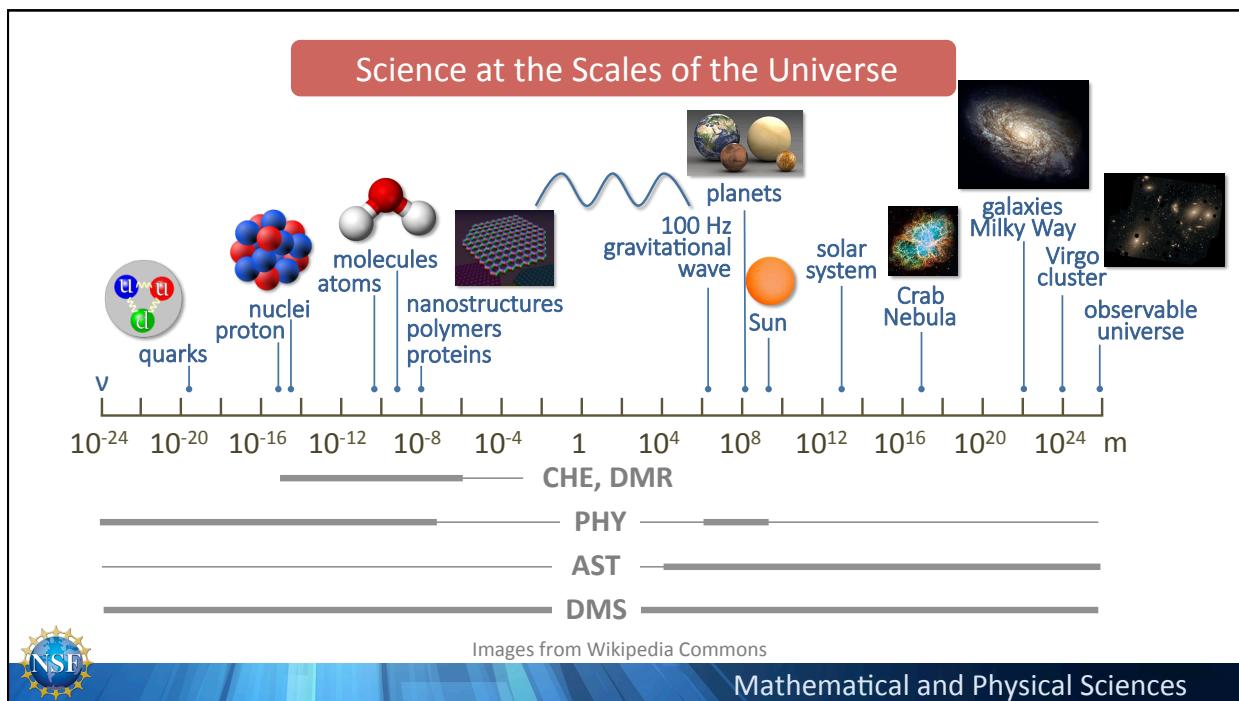
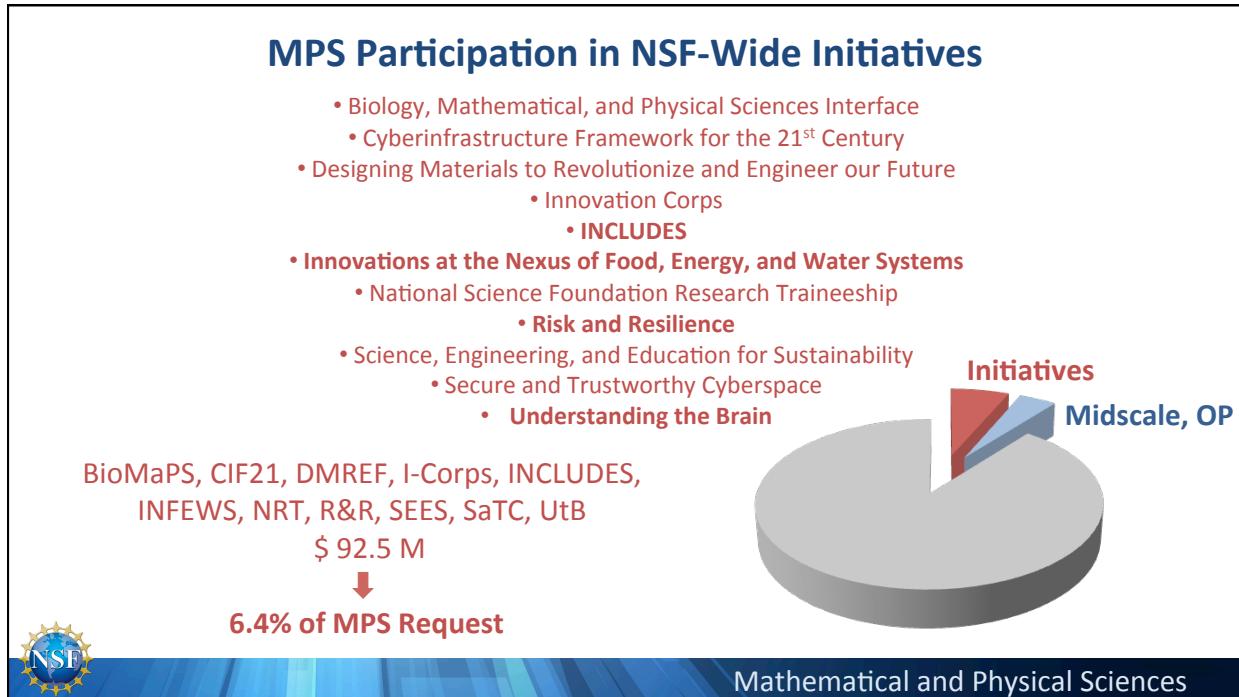
MPS FY 2017 Request by Division

	FY 2016 Estimate	FY 2017 Discretionary		FY 2017 Mandatory	FY 2017 Total	
Astronomical Sciences (AST)	\$ 246.73	\$ 247.73	0.4%	\$ 14.88	\$ 262.61	6.4%
Chemistry (CHE)	246.31	247.31	0.4%	14.85	262.16	6.5%
Materials Research (DMR)	310.03	311.03	0.3%	18.68	329.71	6.3%
Mathematical Sciences (DMS)	234.05	235.05	0.4%	14.12	249.17	6.5%
Physics (PHY)	277.03	278.53	0.5%	16.73	295.26	6.6%
Multidisciplinary Activities (OMA)	35.00	35.41	1.2%	2.13	37.54	7.3%
Total MPS	\$ 1349.15	\$ 1355.06	0.4%	\$ 81.39	\$ 1436.45	6.5%

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Science Hors d'Oeuvres

Twin Primes Conjecture

Timeline from 300 BC to 2100 AD:

- Euclid (300 BC)
- Great Wall (210 BC)
- Fall of Rome (476)
- Printing Press (1440)
- Declaration of Independence (1776)
- NSF (1950)
- Yitang Zhang (2013)

Ice Cube High Energy Neutrinos

Ab Initio Prediction of Molecular Crystal Structures

Images: A globe with a beam of light, a visualization of particle tracks, a portrait of Euclid, a portrait of Yitang Zhang, a bar of Ghirardelli chocolate, a stack of ice cubes, and a bottle of medicine.

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Science Hors d'Oeuvres

How Round is the Electron ?
Measuring the Electric Dipole Moment of the Electron

Advanced Cold Molecule EDM
Order of Magnitude Smaller Limit on the Electric Dipole Moment of the Electron
Science 343, 269 (2014)

Supramolecules, Scaffolds, and Chemical Sensors

Diagram showing the interaction between a Receptor (a molecule with two R' groups) and an Analyte (NO_3^-). The process involves Recognition and Transduction.

Theory of Compressed Sensing World's Fastest 2-D Camera

Timeline from 1970 to 2020:

- 1970: ℓ_1 -norm signal processing
- 1980: Signal processing research grows
- 2004: 2D camera 2014 (circled)
- 2010: 2014
- 2020: 2014

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Science Hors d'Oeuvres

One Good Cosmic Measure:
Radio Telescopes Resolve Pleiades Distance Debate

The diagram illustrates the parallax method for measuring stellar distances. A 'Near star' is shown moving against the background of more distant stars due to Earth's motion around the Sun. The angle of this apparent shift is the 'Parallax angle'. An inset shows a close-up of the Pleiades star cluster with several stars highlighted in blue. Below the inset, an arrow points to an oval containing the text 'Distance 444.0 light years'. The source is cited as NOAO/AURA/NSF and Wikipedia Commons.

Stealthy Nanomaterials for Biomedical Use

This section details the synthesis of stealthy nanomaterials for biomedical use. It shows red blood cells (RBCs) and a PLGA polymer nanoparticle. An inset labeled 'RBC Membrane Detail' shows the lipid bilayer of a red blood cell membrane. An arrow indicates the combination of RBCs and PLGA Polymer Nanoparticle to form a RBC-NP nanoparticle, with a size of ~80nm indicated.

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